

Hello Dwellers: For some time the need for a bulletin for the six hundred members of the Telegraph Hill Dwellers has been recognized. It is planned to issue a bulletin from time to time; the interval to vary with the meetings and events on the Hill. Your correspondent will endeavor to give news about Telegraph Hill and the Dwellers, and welcomes your contributions and suggestions.

COME TO THE FAIR! Remember the Grant Avenue Fair last year? This year it will be held on Sunday, June 17, from 10 A.M. to 10 P.M. on Grant Avenue between Union and Green Streets. The theme will be "Art in Action" and will feature painters, craftsmen and sculptors at work during the fair. (These are the same people who so generously donated paintings for our "Shipwreck Party" last fall.) Art work previously completed will be displayed for sale in the windows along the street. There will be entertainment in the form of a puppet show, folk dancing and wandering folk singers. John Tureck will need help in the decorations, so why not volunteer one evening before the big day and make it a better fair? Call Peter Macchiaroni at 1422 Grant Avenue (YUkon 2-3141) or at home (JUmpier 6-1558) and give them your name. Completed decorations will be installed, Saturday night, June 16. Also if you have art work for display, call Peter Macchiaroni.

ELEVEN STORY APARTMENT THREATENS TELEGRAPH HILL: By this time you all have read about the 40 foot height limitation and the eleven-story apartment building proposed to be built at 1255 Montgomery Street, which is just behind Speedy's. Back in 1943, the height limitation was enacted by the Board of Supervisors covering the Hill generally north of Union Street. To bring about uniformity in building heights and to encourage further development and improvement of the Hill, it was proposed to extend this protection to the south face of the Hill. Residents in that area, in promoting the plan, obtained signatures of 221 property owners favoring the 40 foot height limitation. Twenty-two property owners were opposed, so the vote was 90% in favor of this protection. The city planning commission unanimously approved the proposal on September 6, 1955. In February 1956 Supervisor Rolph referred on the matter to the committee on Public Buildings and Land Planning and a hearing was held in March. During the same month, the vote of the membership of the Dwellers at their meeting was 115 in favor and three opposed. (It should be emphasized that the Telegraph Hill Dwellers are not opposed to the construction of new buildings.)

As to the eleven-story, thirty-unit apartment building, the Board of Permit Appeals reversed the decision of the Planning Commission and approved plans for the building. A wave of protest ensued, not only from the amazed residents of Telegraph Hill, but also from people in other parts of San Francisco and even other cities. The San Francisco Chronicle put out a strong editorial stating the Board had made a serious error. Acting under the provisions of the law, the San Francisco Planning and Housing Association, a city-wide organization, filed an appeal for a rehearing before the Board of Permit Appeals on Thursday, May 17. On the following day, Ken Evers (the Dwellers' new president), Marion Evers, Harold Simon, Pat Carson and Francis Lavagnino spent a half hour with Mayor Christopher discussing the problem of the forty-foot limitation. At this meeting, the Mayor indicated that he could not intervene in this one case, however, he very definitely favored enacting an ordinance to keep the height of buildings limited to 40 feet.

On Monday, May 21, Attorney Pat Carson, acting for the Telegraph Hill Dwellers and also for the Telegraph Hill Owners Committee, filed a petition with the Board of Permit Appeals to grant a rehearing. The Board of Permit Appeals denied a further hearing. The course of further action is now under study by the Legal Committee of the Dwellers. In her petition, she asked the Board to consider the impending ordinance, and also asked that a ruling be obtained from the City Attorney that the proposed building actually complied with the one for one parking ordinance. (There was some question whether the parking area was large enough to permit the parking of 30 standard size automobiles, and also whether the elevators would be efficient enough to encourage tenants to put their cars in the garage at all times.)

DO YOU HAVE A NAME FOR OUR BULLETIN? Suggestions will be appreciated, so send them in to your bulletin correspondent.

TREE PLANTING has made a start already; thanks to the good efforts of Clarice Meyer and Dorothy Erskane. Many hours of conferences with city officials and considerable planning had to be done before the first trees were planted on Chestnut Street. Trees have just been planted on Union Street and a tree planting celebration is planned for June 2, with details to be announced later.

TREASURE HUNT: Dennis Flynn has not been told that the Emperor Norton Treasure was found several weeks ago, as he is still looking for treasure (un-buried) in the form of your annual dues. So if you have not paid your 1956 membership dues, slip a dollar in an envelope and send it to Dennis Flynn at 516 Filbert Street. Better yet, send along an extra dollar and enroll a friend not yet a member in the Dwellers. P.S. I am told that he will accept checks if you are short on cash.

HELPING HAND ??? Can you spare a few moments to help the Dwellers? Two delegates are needed to represent us on the Council of Civic Clubs (Central). Also volunteers are needed for typing and filing from time to time. Call Ken Evers or Raymonde Theill and lend a hand.

PROGRESS IN OTHER DIRECTIONS: Work will start shortly on the street car track removal on Stockton Street and Columbus Avenue. Charles Harney says it will take about six months to do the job, with Stockton Street first on the agenda.....Underground wires are definitely promised for the Montgomery Street sector on the Hill.....The choice of the exact "best" spot for the North Beach Library, while receiving considerable notice, still remains undecided.

At the Second Anniversary Party on April 10, new officers and directors were elected. Recognizing the good work done by the first president of the Telegraph Hill Dwellers, Fred Meyer, a special citation in the form of a large diploma was presented to him.

The officers and directors for the coming year are:

Kenneth Evers, President	255 Chestnut Street	GA 1-2671
Mrs. Raymonde Theill, Exec.Vice President	371 Filbert Street	YU 2-3772
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Mrs. Dorothy Erskine	233 Chestnut Street	YU 6-0356
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Attilio Massucco	306 Green Street	DO 2-4820
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Action: Francis Lavagnino	15 Fresno Place	DO 2-0359
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